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HENDERSON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSING FIREARMS

OWENSBORO, KY - Travis Little, age 23, of Henderson, Kentucky, pled guilty to drug trafficking and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Little admitted that on or about June 29, 2006, he possessed crack cocaine and that he also possessed firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

On June 29, 2006, law enforcement officers executed a state search warrant at Little 's residence. They seized 20 grams of cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine, in addition to small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The drugs had a street value of approximately \$500.00. Additionally, officers seized \$2,399. in U. S. currency and the following firearms:

- 1. A Taurus Model Millennium PT-145 .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol
- 2. A Taurus Model 605 .357 caliber revolver
- 3. A Mossberg Model 500A 12-gauge shotgun

The maximum potential penalties are not less than 10 years and not more than life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not less than 5 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin and was investigated by the Kentucky State Police, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, and the Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The ATF Bowling Green Field Office conducted the investigation, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Little is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on November 16, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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